

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

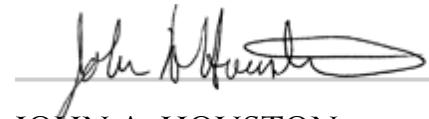
JUAN CARLOS VALDEZ BERNAL,      )      Criminal Case No. 08cv780 JAH  
v.    )  
    Petitioner,      )  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,      )      ORDER REQUIRING RESPONSE  
    )      TO GOVERNMENT'S EX PARTE  
    Respondent.      )      REQUEST TO HOLD CASE IN  
    )      ABEYANCE AND ORDER STATUS  
    )      REPORT [Doc. No. 8]  
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On August 13, 2008, Respondent filed an ex parte request to hold this case in abeyance and order a status report. Doc. No. 8. The Court has reviewed Respondent's request and deems it appropriate to require Petitioner to file a response to the request.

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Petitioner shall file and serve a responsive pleading **no later than August 29, 2008.**
2. If Respondent wishes to reply to Petitioner's pleading, a reply must be filed **no later than September 12, 2008.** Upon the filing of the foregoing, the parties shall await further order of this Court.

DATED: August 13, 2008

  
JOHN A. HOUSTON  
United States District Judge